

REMARKS

Claim 66 is pending in this application.

In view of the previously filed Amendment and this Supplemental Request for Reconsideration, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance.

I. Additional Reasons For Allowance Of Claim 66

Claim 66 has not been rejected. Prior claims had been rejected relying upon U.S. Patent No. 5,621,068 (Okamoto). Claim 66 is not anticipated or rendered obvious by Okamoto.

Claim 66 requires shape control of an edge of the laminate during wet-etching based on etching rates. Electronic circuit components suffer serious and fatal problems when "peeling off (breaking away flutter)" of an edge of the laminate occurs. These problems are particularly manifest in a wireless suspension for hard disk drives to which micro vibration is applied because continuous micro vibration causes peeling off of an edge of the laminate. The peeling off of the laminate is addressed by the method of claim 66.

Okamoto fails to teach or suggest at least the above features of claim 66. Okamoto at most teaches that "since the inventive polyimide laminate totally being composed of polyimide is compatible with alkaline etching process, perforation can easily be achieved." See col. 21, lines 49-67. Okamoto does not describe any etching rates for a solution of alkali-aliphatic amine solution.

The present claim requires controlling the shape by providing a laminate on a first and second inorganic layer with first and second etching rates, and wet-etching so that the ratio of the first etching rate to the second etching rate is 4:1 to 1:1. See claim 66. Okamoto nowhere describes this concept, and would not have led one of ordinary skill in the art to claim 66.

As a result of the process of claim 66, the shape of the edge of the laminate after etching will not cause a serious and fatal problem to an electronic circuit component.

Okamoto fails to suggest a method in which problems caused by etching are resolved. The present application describes an etching rate which results in a shape of the edge of the laminate that does not cause serious and fatal problems.

Therefore, the present application is in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 66 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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